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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENNA 3927

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SUBJECT: IEA: AUSTRIAN VIEWS ON FUTURE CONSUMER/PRODUCER RELATIONS

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1. ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED FORTHCOMING IEA MINISTERIAL WITH AMBASSADORS SCHOBBER AND SEYFFERTITZ (FONOFF), ONE OF WHOM WILL PROBABLY ACCOMPANY MINISTER ANDROSCH TO MINISTERIAL MEETING. THEIR COMMENTS INDICATE THAT GOA POSITION ON CONTINUING EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT CONFERENCE WITH PRODUCERS REMAINS THE SAME AND MUCH LIKE OURS.

2. GOA WANTS DIALOGUE TO COME ABOUT AND FEELS STRONGLY THAT IEA SHOULD BE REPRESENTED. THEY ALSO FEEL THAT ONE NEUTRAL COUNTRY SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN FULL CONFERENCE. THEY MENTIONED SWITZERLAND AND SWEDEN AND STATED EXPLICITLY THAT THEY DO NOT ANTICIPATE THAT AUSTRIA WILL PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY.

3. SCHOBBER OBSERVED THAT ON MATTER OF AGENDA, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DENY REQUEST OF OPEC/LDC GROUP TO INCLUDE OTHER ITEMS BUT THAT GOA FULLY AGREES THAT ENERGY MUST BE PRIMARY FOCUS. SCHOBBER FELT THAT CONSUMERS SHOULD HAVE A FLEXIBLE AND UNDERSTANDING ATTITUDE AND THAT FROM REPORTS RECEIVED BY FONOFF THEY HAD NOTED SOME "HOPEFUL GLIMPSES" ON PART OF SOME OF THE SEVEN WHO ATTENDED PREPCON. AUSTRIANS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT MONOLITHIC FRONT EXISTS AMONG OPEC AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IRANIANS, HE SAID, DO NOT ENTIRELY SUPPORT POSITION OF ALGERIANS AND DO NOT WISH POLEMICS NOR ARE SAUDIS ALTHOUGH PERSUADED BY HARD ALGERIAN LINE ON RAW MATERIALS. BY TRYING TO MEET MODERATES PART-WAY, EXTREMISTS MAY BE ISOLATED AND SO-CALLED FRONT OF PRODUCER AND DEVELOPING STATES MAY BE SPLIT, ACCORDING TO SCHOBBER.

4. SCHOBBER SAID KEY ISSUE WOULD IN EFFECT BE INDEXATION. HE FEELS FOR TACTICAL REASONS IT WOULD BE WISE TO AVOID EXPRESSION "INDEXATION", SINCE IT HAS BECOME A MATTER OF GREAT ECONOMIC CONTROVERSY AS WELL AS MATTER OF POLITICAL DOGMA. AUSTRIANS BELIEVE IRANIANS, WHILE AMONG THE MODERATES, WILL INSIST THAT RELATIONSHIP

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BETWEEN OIL AND INDUSTRIAL GOODS PRICES MUST BE ON AGENDA, WHATEVER NAME IS USED TO DESCRIBE THIS RELATIONSHIP.

5. AS FOR SITE OF FUTURE MEETINGS, SCHOBBER SAID GOA CONTINUES TO HAVE AN OPEN MIND AND WOULD NOT RULE OUT VIENNA AS A FUTURE ALTERNATIVE TO PARIS. BUCHANAN

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